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1. SUMMARY. THE BUREAU OF THE SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL
(SI), HOSTED BY THE SPANISH SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY (PSOE)
OF FELIPE GONZALEZ, MET FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MADRID OCT.
15-16. DURING THE TWO-DAY CONCLAVE, THOSE IN ATTENDANCE,
LED BY BRANDT, SENGHOR, KREISKY, PALME, PONTILLON,

GONZALEZ, RUI MATEUS, CARLSSON, AND OTHERS (INCLUDING PARTICIPANTS AND OBSERVERS FROM MORE THAN 30 COUNTRIES), DEVOTED THE BULK OF THEIR ENERGIES TO AN ORDER OF BUSINESS DEALING ALMOST ENTIRELY WITH DISARMAMENT AND THE SITUATIONS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, THE MIDDLE EAST, THE WESTERN SAHARA, AND VARIOUS LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY CHILE, ARGENTINA, URUGUAY AND EL SALVADOR. (THE WESTERN SAHARA AND LATIN AMERICAN SITUATIONS OBVIOUSLY WERE OF CONSIDERABLY MORE INTEREST TO THE HOST PSOE THAN TO MOST OF THE REST OF THE PARTICIPANTS.)
END SUMMARY.

2. DISARMAMENT. AFTER PRESENTATIONS BY BRANDT AND DR. FRANK BARNABY, OF STOCKHOLM'S CENTER OF STUDIES FOR PEACE (SIC), THE BUREAU CALLED FOR A HALT TO THE ARMS RACE, EXPRESSED ITS CONCERN OVER THE NEUTRON BOMB, AND RESOLVED TO ESTABLISH A "DISARMAMENT WORKING GROUP" TO BE HEADED UP BY SI SEC GEN CARLSSON. IT REPORTEDLY WILL HOLD ITS FIRST MEETING EARLY NEXT YEAR IN HAMBURG. THE SUBJECT OF DISARMAMENT WILL BE CONSIDERED FURTHER BY SI LEADERS MEETING LATER THIS YEAR IN JAPAN AND EARLY NEXT YEAR (POSSIBLY APRIL) IN FINLAND.

3. SOUTHERN AFRICA. THE BUREAU APPROVED A REPORT PRESENTED BY PALME, WHO LED A RECENT SI STUDY GROUP TRIP TO THE REGION, AND RECOMMENDED THAT:
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--ARMS SALES TO AND MILITARY COOPERATION WITH SOUTH AFRICA BE SUSPENDED.

--EXPORT OF CAPITAL GOODS TO SOUTH AFRICA SHOULD BE TERMINATED.

--"SUPPORT" AND HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE BE TENDERED THE FRONT-LINE STATES.

--"POLITICAL SUPPORT" BE PROFFERED THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN THE AREA;

--THE RECRUITMENT OF MERCENARIES FOR SOUTH AFRICA AND RHODESIA BE HALTED; AND

--THE GOVTS OF THE WORLD SHOULD AID THE VICTIMS OF APARTHEID.

4. THE MIDDLE EAST. THE BUREAU APPROVED A REPORT PRESENTED BY KREISKY AS WELL AS HIS PROPOSAL THAT A ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION (REF A) ON THE MIDDLE EAST BE

HELD IN THE NEAR FUTURE IN VIENNA. IN A POST-MEETING PRESS CONFERENCE, BRANDT EMPHASIZED THAT THIS VIENNA MEETING WOULD IN NO WAY INTERFERE WITH ANY GENEVA SESSIONS ON THE MIDDLE EAST.

5. THE WESTERN SAHARA. THE BUREAU ADOPTED SOMETHING OF A COMPROMISE RESOLUTION, HAMMERED OUT BY PALME, BETWEEN THE PRO-POLISARIO POSITION OF THE PSOE AND THE OPPOSITION TO IT BY SENGHOR (REF B), ALTHOUGH THE FINAL WORDING APPEARS TO BE CLOSE TO PSOE THINKING ON THE SUBJECT AND WAS ENDORSED BY FRENTE POLISARIO OBSERVERS IN ATTENDANCE. THE EMBASSY HAD EARLIER LEARNED FROM A

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RELIABLE SOURCE THAT THE ALGERIAN AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE
PLANNED TO ACCOMPANY BOUMEDIENE ADVISER HOFFMAN TO THE
MADRID SI MEETING WHERE BOTH WERE TO LOBBY FOR A PRO-
POLISARIO STATEMENT. THERE WAS NO OFFICIAL FINAL
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DOCUMENT PRESENTED AT THE CLOSE OF THE MEETING (ACCORDING
TO PSOE INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY LUIS YANEZ, IT WILL BE
FORTHCOMING LATER FROM THE SI SECRETARIAT), BUT THE
RESOLUTION ON THE WESTERN SAHARA REPORTEDLY STATES
THAT:

--"THE SI CONSIDERS THE CURRENT CONFLICT IN THE
WESTERN SAHARA TO BE A SERIOUS AND GRAVE DANGER TO PEACE
AND SECURITY IN THE MEDITERRANEAN. CONSEQUENTLY, A
PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF THE GREATEST IMPORTANCE TO THE
REGION, AND THE SI BELIEVES THE ACHIEVEMENT OF A
NEGOTIATED SOLUTION TO BE OF GREAT URGENCY.

---THAT SOLUTION MUST TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE INALIEN-
ABLE RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
CHARTER, RESOLUTIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE UN.
ALL OF THE INVOLVED PARTIES, INCLUDING THE FRENTE
POLISARIO, SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE DIALOGUE LEADING TO
THIS SOLUTION.

---IN VIEW OF THE GRAVITY OF THE SITUATION, THE
BUREAU HAS DECIDED TO ASK THE SI PRESIDENT AND SECGEN
TO EXERT A SPECIAL EFFORT TO STAY CONTINUALLY ABREAST
OF THE EVOLVING SAHARAN SITUATION." (THE MADRID PRESS,
BOTH PRO- AND ANTI- POLISARIO, HAS CONSIDERED THIS
RESOLUTION AN IMPORTANT DIPLOMATIC VICTORY FOR THE
POLISARIO.)

. LATIN AMERICA. THE BUREAU ACKNOWLEDGED THAT IT HAD
BEEN TOO "PASSIVE" IN THE PAST VIS-A-VIS LATIN AMERICA
AND EXPRESSED ITS INTENTION TO DEVOTE MORE ATTENTION
TO THAT REGION--PARTICULARLY THE ISSUES OF POLITICAL
DICTATORSHIP AND HUMAN RIGHTS--IN THE FUTURE. YANEZ
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TOLD EMBOFF OCT. 18 THAT THE BUREAU HAD AGREED TO FORM
A SPECIAL SECTION TO DEAL WITH LATIN AMERICAN QUESTIONS,
ALTHOUGH THERE WAS SOME DISAGREEMENT WHETHER IT SHOULD

BE MANNED ONLY BY LATIN AMERICANS OR INCLUDE EUROPEANS AS WELL (THE PSOE, OF COURSE, WANTS TO PARTICIPATE). THE BUREAU ADDRESSED SPECIFICALLY THE SITUATIONS IN EL SALVADOR, CHILE, URUGUAY AND ARGENTINA (MONTONERO INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY FERNANDO VACA NARVAJA MET WITH BRANDT), AND AGREED TO CONSIDER THE ARGENTINE SITUATION IN GREATER DETAIL NEXT YEAR IN HAMBURG.

7. AT VARIOUS TIMES DURING THE TWO-DAY CONFERENCE, SENGHOR AND BRANDT DINED SEPARATELY WITH KING JUAN CARLOS, WHILE BRANDT AND KREISKY MET INDIVIDUALLY BRIEFLY WITH PRIME MINISTER SUAREZ. BRANDT ALSO MET WITH VISITING MEXICAN PRESIDENT LOPEZ PORTILLA (SEPTTEL).

8. ACCORDING TO YANEZ, THE PSOE WAS QUITE PLEASED WITH THE OUTCOME OF THE MEETING, PARTICULARLY SINCE RATHER THAN COMING WITH ITS HAND OUT, AS ALMOST ALWAYS HAD BEEN THE CASE IN THE PAST, THE PARTY HAD MADE AN ACTIVE CONTRIBUTION. YANEZ CHARACTERIZED SENGHOR AS HAVING BEEN QUITE ISOLATED IN HIS POSITIONS ON THE WESTERN SAHARA AND SOUTHERN AFRICA, BUT HE FELT THAT NO FEELINGS HAD BEEN RUFFLED. EATON

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